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117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend title 18, United States Code, to allow a religious exemption for certain individuals from photo identification requirements, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. GIBBS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protecting Religious
5 Exemptions for Amish Communities and Households Act”
6 or the “PREACH Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION FOR AMISH AND MENNON-**
2 **ITES FROM PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION**
3 **REQUIREMENT TO PURCHASE A FIREARM**
4 **FROM A FEDERALLY LICENSED FIREARMS**
5 **DEALER.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 922(t) of title 18, United
7 States Code, is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (1)(C), by inserting “or, in
9 the case of a transferee whom the Attorney General
10 certifies has qualified for a religious exemption
11 under paragraph (7), the certification and the iden-
12 tification document described in paragraph
13 (7)(A)(ii)” before the period; and

14 (2) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(7)(A) An individual desiring a religious exemption
16 under this paragraph shall submit to the Attorney Gen-
17 eral—

18 “(i) a letter from a bishop of an Amish or Men-
19 nonite church who is registered with the State as
20 such a bishop, indicating that the individual is a
21 member of the church and sincerely believes in the
22 teachings of the church;

23 “(ii) an identification document issued by the
24 State, which shall not be required to include a pho-
25 tograph of the individual; and

1 “(iii) all documents of the individual that were
2 required by the State for the issuance of the identi-
3 fication document.

4 “(B) On verification of the validity of the letter and
5 documents described in subparagraph (A), the Attorney
6 General shall certify that the individual has qualified for
7 a religious exemption under this paragraph.”.

8 **SEC. 3. IMPLEMENTATION.**

9 Within 90 days after the date of the enactment of
10 this Act, the Attorney General shall prescribe such regula-
11 tions as are necessary to implement the amendments made
12 by section 2.